

Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013

Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) Conference Room, Helena, and by phone

Members present

Dr. Deborah Agnew, Billings Clinic
Paula Block, Montana Primary Care Association
Dr. Doug Carr, Billings Clinic
Carla Cobb, Riverstone Health Clinical Pharmacist
Dr. Janice Gomersall, Montana Academy of Family Physicians
Dr. Jonathan Griffin, St. Peter's Medical Group
Alan Hall, Allegiance Life and Health Company
John Hoffland, DPHHS Medicaid, Passport to Health
Carol Kelley, MT Medical Management Association
Todd Lovshin, PacificSource Health Plans
Cindra Stahl for Kristin Juliar, Montana Office of Rural Health
Dr. Fred Olson, BCBS MT
JP Pujol, New West Health Services
Dr. Tom Roberts, Western Montana Clinic
Hannah Pulaski for Dr. Joe Sofianek, Bozeman Deaconess Health Group
Dr. Rob Stenger, Grant Creek Family Practice, St. Patrick's Hospital
Cindy Stergar, Health Policy Advisory to Governor Bullock
Lisa Wilson, Parents, Let's Unite for Kids-PLUK
Jessica Hoff, Butte Community Health Center CEO

Members absent

Dr. Paul Cook, Rocky Mountain Health Network
Dr. Jay Larson, Independent Provider
Kirsten Mailloux, EBMS
Terry Olinger, Benefis Health System Chief System Services & Interim President, BMG
Bob Olson, MHA
Bernadette Roy, CHC-Partnership Health Center
Claudia Stephens, Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Council

Interested parties present

Janice Mackensen, Mountain Pacific Quality Health
Dwight Hiesterman, Mountain Pacific Quality Health
Jean Branscum, MMA
Rob Hunter, First Choice Health
John Larson, First Choice Health
Brad Putnam, HealthShare Montana
Brianne Streck, RiverStone Health
Will Robinson, NCQA
Craig Hepp, Billings Clinic

CSI staff present

Adam Schafer

Christa McClure

Christina Goe

Amanda Roccabruna Eby- Minutes recorder

Welcome, announcements, roll call, agenda review, and approval of minutes

Cindy Stergar was appointed by Governor Bullock as his health policy advisor. Several new appointments have been made to the advisory council- Jessica Hoff, the new Butte CHC CEO; Carla Cobb, Riverstone Health clinical pharmacist; Todd Lovshin, Pacific Source Health Plans; Dr. Joe Sofianek, Bozeman Deaconess; and Terry Olinger, President of Benefis Health Group. No further items were added to the agenda. The minutes from the December meeting were approved by acclamation.

Update on the PCMH bill from CSI staff, Deputy Commissioner Adam Schafer

SB84- the Patient Centered Medical Home Bill was assigned to the Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee. This is the time for council members to personally contact their legislators about supporting the bill. Amanda will email the list of committee members and their contact information to the list serve after the meeting. CSI staff is creating documents for legislators to educate them on the PCMH bill. Staff is also working on getting the PCMH bill topic on agendas at various organizations' legislative meetings. Christine Kaufmann has been having conversations with several Republican legislators about co-sponsoring the bill. She asked the committee chairman to post pone scheduling the bill for hearing until she is able to confirm a co-sponsor.

Council discussion of the PCMH bill

In her new role in the Governor's office, Cindy Stergar has been explaining medical homes to many people who aren't knowledgeable on health care. She has had questions about the fiscal note for the bill and why legislation is needed. She has continued to tell people that it has a zero fiscal note and legislation is needed for anti-trust protection. No one has to engage in the program, the guidelines and parameters for the program for those that do want to participate. The standards will be set by the insurers, patients, and doctors on the commission. It would be helpful to estimate the amount of costs the commission would incur to show how minimal it will be. CSI staff could estimate the commission's operating costs based on other similar governmental structures.

Cindy has also explained to policymakers that medical homes are already happening and will continue to happen even without the commission. The commission will establish standards for efficiency of Montana medical homes and find ways to lower costs. Many people are thinking PCMH is a way for providers to get more money or insurers to collect more fees. Even people in clinical roles are expressing the concern for insurance companies collecting more fees. Education is critical for council members to continue to promote the concept to their colleagues and constituents. Education is also important for council members and their constituents to educate the committee members of the committee the bill was assigned to.

Legislators are going to want to hear about cost savings. The focus needs to be on cost savings and quality improvement of population health – showing improved quality doesn't cost any more at the end of the day on populations that haven't previously been engaged in their health care. The September issue of Health Affairs showed PCMH results from three states. WellPoint also has a report showing results from three states- Colorado, New Hampshire, and New York.

Council members need to share anything they're hearing about a "plan B" with the council and CSI staff so that we can all be on the same message. Sen. Kaufmann is pursuing finding a Republican legislator to reserve "plan B" as a placeholder for bills they will sponsor. Bills will only get drafting priority this week, after this week it will not necessarily be drafted.

Report on new NASHP Learning Collaborative: Building Primary Care Infrastructure through Multi-Payer Medical Home Pilots

Amanda reported that as a result of the application CSI submitted to NASHP on behalf of the council in October 2012, the state was accepted into the latest NASHP learning collaborative. The collaborative will provide technical assistance to Montana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia in implementing a multi-payer patient-centered medical home program. The program will provide Montana with direct assistance from federal officials, NASHP staff, and state mentors. Montana's state team for the grant includes Christa McClure, Mary Noel of Medicaid, Dr. Doug Carr, Dr. Joe Sofianek, and Dr. Fred Olson. However, the team will be sure to include other council members in the activities as often as possible. Team members will attend a kick-off meeting in March. The RFA and Montana's application are posted on the website.

NASHP NC IMPaCT Learning Community Update

There weren't any IMPaCT activities since the December advisory council meeting. Amanda announced two upcoming calls the Montana IMPaCT team would be participating in – a discussion on performance measurement on Thursday, January 17th, 9-10am and a second call on multi-payer initiatives on Tuesday, January 22, 11am-12:30pm.

Public Comment, Questions

None were offered.

Assignments, Upcoming Meeting Schedule, Adjourn

Council members were assigned to talk to members of the Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee about supporting the PCMH bill. CSI staff will estimate the possible costs the commission could endure. The next meeting will be announced via email.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:03pm